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Shared Road Markings Now in Place near Max Starcke Park

"Sharrows" Serve as Visual Reminders to Drivers

SEGUIN, Texas – Road markings designed to make travel safer for cyclists and motorists are now in place in Seguin. The new "sharrow" markings will connect Max Starcke Park to the future hike and bike trail.

"This is exciting because it makes Seguin a more bicycle-friendly city," Seguin Parks and Recreation Assistant Director Crystal Miranda said. "We just want to make sure cyclists and motorists understand exactly what these markings mean."

A sharrow (shared-use arrow) is not the same as a bike lane. Sharrows are intended as visual reminders that drivers are to share the road with cyclists. Cyclists are required to obey traffic laws. Sharrows are typically placed on roads that have a high volume of shared cyclist and motorist traffic.

"More or less a sharrow is a reminder to drivers to keep an eye out for cyclists," Seguin Parks and Recreation Director Jack Jones said. "Cyclists have just as much right to use the road as motorists and we want to make sure everyone is safe."

The Institute for Public Health and Education Research (TIPHER) and the Seguin Wellness Task Force provided \$6,805 for the purchase of 44 shared road markings. The

sharrows are placed in pairs of two along Boenig, Nelda and Guadalupe Streets. The sharrows are made of white thermoplastic paint and were heat pressed onto the pavement by the Seguin Parks and Recreation and Public Works departments.

“The Seguin Wellness Task Force is such a great partner,” Jones continued. “We want to thank them and TIPER for working together to fund this project.

The Seguin Parks and Recreation Department is seeking additional TIPHER funding for street signage to further increase the visibility of the bike route.

“Although street signage is not required for this project, we would love to have it.” Miranda continued.



About the City of Seguin

Seguin, Texas is located along Interstate 10, about 35 miles east of San Antonio. Seguin is big enough to boast a top-rated university and a state-of-the-art hospital. More than 25,000 residents enjoy a range of cultural, recreational, and employment opportunities. Seguin’s robust diversified economy features a steelmaker, a manufacturer of automotive parts and plants making roadside mowing equipment and building materials. In 2009, Seguin was proud to be selected by Caterpillar as the site of a major new engine manufacturing facility.

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